

Appl. No. 10/660,528
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

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Claims

Claims 1 – 19, 33 and 34 were previously withdrawn. Claims 20, 22, 27 and 29 were previously cancelled. Claim 30 is being cancelled with this amendment. Claims 21, 23 – 26, 28, 30 – 32, 35 and 36 are pending. Of the pending claims, 21, 23, 31 and 35 are currently amended. Claim 21 has been amended as supported by, for example, Figure 27 part B, Figure 32 and paragraphs [0063], [0064], [0069], [0070] and [0072] of the application. Claim 23 has been added to include the matter of former claim 30. Claims 31 and 35 has each been made independent by incorporating the matter of former claim 23. Claims 24 and 25 have been amended to depend on claim 31. The Applicants submit that no new matter is added by the amendments. No new claim fees are required as the application was filed with 6 independent claims.

Claim Objections

Claims 30, 31, 35 and 36 were objected to, but indicated to be allowable if re-written in independent form. Claim 23 has been amended to include the matter of former claim 30 and is of the same scope as claim 30 re-written in independent form. Claims 31 and 35 have been re-written in independent form. Claim 36 depends on claim 35. Claims 24 – 26, 28 and 32 depend on claim 23 or claim 31. For these reasons, the Applicants submit that claims 23 – 26, 28, 31, 23, 35 and 36 are allowable.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 112

Claim 21 has been amended to specify the first generally horizontal cord in lines 13 -14. Part (h), including line 18, has been amended and no longer refers to a horizontal cord. The Applicants submit that these amendments remove the indefiniteness rejections.

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Claim Rejections – 35 USC 102

Claim 21 has been rejected as being anticipated by Arndt '743. The Applicants submit that the additional subject matter provided in the current amendments to claim 21 are not disclosed in Arndt '743. Accordingly, claim 21 is not anticipated.

Claim 23, 28 and 32 were rejected as being anticipated by Burke '687. The Applicants submit that the amendments to claim 23 moot this rejection. Claim 23 has the scope of claim 30 which has indicated as allowable and claims 28 and 32 depend on claim 23.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 103

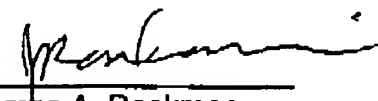
Claims 24 – 26 were rejected for obviousness. These claims depend on claim 23 or 31 which have been amended. For the reasons given above, claims 23 and 31 are allowable. Accordingly, the Applicants submit that claims 24 – 26 are also allowable.

The Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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